

**CLAIMS LISTING**

1. (Currently Amended) A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation in automatic mode by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation in automatic mode while said recording operation in automatic mode is being executed and before said recording operation in automatic mode is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being actuated by depressing said shutter button.

2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording operation is stopped, after said recording operation is started, by depressing again said shutter button.

3. (Original) A device according to claim 2, wherein said recording operation is stopped by depressing said shutter button by a plurality of times within a predetermined period.

4. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops an exposure to said imaging device.

5. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops a reading operation in which an image signal generated in said imaging device is read from said imaging device.

6. (Original) A device according to claim 1, further comprising a photographing parameter setting processor that, when said recording operation stopping processor stops said recording operation, sets a first photographing parameter of first image data which would be recorded in said stopped recording operation, as a second photographing parameter of second image data which is to be recorded in a next recording operation.

7. (Currently Amended) A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation in automatic mode by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation in automatic mode while said recording operation in automatic mode is being executed and before said recording operation in automatic mode is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being actuated by operating a recording operation stopping switch which is other than said shutter button.

8. (Original) A device according to claim 7, wherein said recording operation is stopped by operating both of said recording operation stopping switch and said shutter button.

9. (Original) A device according to claim 7, wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops an exposure to said imaging device.

10. (Original) A device according to claim 7, wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops a reading operation in which an image signal generated in said imaging device is read from said imaging device.

11. (Original) A device according to claim 7, further comprising a photographing parameter setting processor that, when said recording operation stopping processor stops said recording operation, sets a first photographing parameter of first image data which would be recorded in said stopped recording operation, as a second photographing parameter of second image data which is to be recorded in a next recording operation.

12. (Previously Presented) A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation before said recording operation is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being actuated by depressing said shutter button;

wherein said recording operation is stopped, after said recording operation is started, by depressing again said shutter button; and

wherein said recording operation is stopped by depressing said shutter button by a plurality of times within a predetermined period.

13. (Previously Presented) A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation before said recording operation is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being actuated by depressing said shutter button;

wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops an exposure to said imaging device.

14. (Previously Presented) A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation before said recording operation is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being actuated by depressing said shutter button;

wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops a reading operation in which an image signal generated in said imaging device is read from said imaging device.

15. (Previously Presented) A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation before said recording operation is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being

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actuated by operating a recording operation stopping switch which is other than said shutter button;

wherein said recording operation is stopped by operating both of said recording operation stopping switch and said shutter button.

16. (Previously Presented) A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation before said recording operation is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being actuated by operating a recording operation stopping switch which is other than said shutter button;

wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops an exposure to said imaging device.

17. (Previously Presented) A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation before said recording operation is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being actuated by operating a recording operation stopping switch which is other than said shutter button;

wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops a reading operation in which an image signal generated in said imaging device is read from said imaging device.